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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2007 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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